

FOCRLNR Meeting Wednesday December 11th 2019

Minutes

Attendees: Kristan Johnstone (KJ), Denis Stuckey (DS), Angela Stuckey (AS), Marilyn Bentham (MB), Philip Earis (PE), Pete Stone (PS), Mavis Stone (MS)

Apologies: Ruth Galpine (RG)

Actions in bold

<p>1. Minutes & Actions from last meeting</p> <p>KJ ran through the minutes and actions from the last meeting.</p>	KJ
<p>2. Groundworks Update (Tesco Bags for Life)</p> <p>The post-project evaluation form has been completed and submitted to Groundworks (Tesco's Bag for Life), which was the final action for the Owl project.</p> <p>The owl is still firmly in place and looking good.</p>	KJ
<p>3. Bristol Parks Forum</p> <p>Parks Funding & Ecological Survey Ruth spoke to a few groups regarding the possibility of having another Ecological Survey conducted at the Reserve, however the lack of available funding is a common barrier. The cost for a full survey is likely to be £6k+.</p> <p>The action is to better understand the funding available from grants such as Nesta Rethinking Parks and Futures Parks.</p> <p>KJ to attend next BPF meeting to get an understanding of the status of various grants and funding opportunities, as well as the process for application.</p> <p>BNHC suggested that specific species surveying might be possible as part of a Nature Watch they are running in April. RG is to follow up with them.</p> <p>BPF Meeting The next meeting is conveniently taking place at Redcatch Community Centre on Saturday February 15th, 9:30-12:30, so anyone interested to learn more from them and their activities is encouraged to attend.</p>	KJ
<p>4. Events & Reserve Maintenance</p> <p>The dates for the Spring and Summer events were reconfirmed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bramble Bash, Saturday March 7th, 10am-1pm- Spring Litter Pick, Saturday April 25th, 10am-1pm- Nature Fun Day, Saturday August 22nd, 1pm-4pm	Group

<p>We will use the Can Do Bristol website and Bristol Nature Network, in addition to our Facebook page and email contacts, to try and increase the volunteer turnout for the events. We will also speak to Mabel who was able to get a mention in the South Bristol Voice for the Summer Fun Day last year. (RG & KJ)</p> <p>A carried over action (KJ and group) is to compile a list of potential activities, with contacts, which could be run for groups in the reserve. We reiterated that any activity <u>cannot be invasive</u>, and involve taking any flora from the reserve, or indeed have any potential impact on the wildlife. Suggestions include batwalks, insect identification, fungi identification etc, however everyone is encouraged to share any details of activities and contacts we can investigate for this.</p> <p>Maintenance</p> <p>The overgrowing bramble on the Callington Road boundary has been pruned back to the fence line, so is no longer a threat to pedestrians or cyclists.</p> <p>The gate leading to the Upper Slopes has been open for the past month or two. There is no evidence of any leisure vehicles being in there (motorbikes, mopeds etc), so it will likely be the council workers using it to gain access for maintenance. KJ (carried over action) will speak to Tom Penn this and see if it's worthwhile introducing a lock for the gate. *The gate doesn't close properly at the moment so will need some work to fix it – KJ will raise with TP.</p>	
<p>5. Interesting sightings on the Reserve</p> <p>Nothing of note to mention this time.</p>	Group
<p>6. AOB</p> <p>DS mentioned a Council Consultation about paying for parking in parks, however CRLNR is not impacted by that. More details for anyone interested can be found at https://www.bristol.gov.uk/streets-travel/traffic-regulation-orders-tros</p>	Group
<p>7. Next Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday March 4th 2020, 6.30pm – 7:30pm, Tesco's Brislington</p>	Group